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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Main Conference Room, 645 Pine Street

–MINUTES–

Members present: Chair, Karen Paul
Kurt Wright
Vince Brennan

Others present:

David White (Planning and Zoning), Peter Potts (Planning Commission), Meredith Birkett (CCTA), Will Flender (Burlington Walk Bike Council), Gene Bergman (City Attorney), Norm Baldwin (DPW), Steve Goodkind (DPW), Bill Keogh (City Council)

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 5:12. Wright and Paul in attendance.

I. Agenda

Wright moved to accept. Paul second. All in favor.

II. Public Forum

None.

III. Minutes of October 27, 2010

Wright moved to accept. Paul second. All in favor.

IV. Burlington Electric Smart Grid, presented by Mary Sullivan (Burlington Electric Dept.)

Sullivan: ARRA grant through state project will allow BED to install smart meters and fiber optic lines. Gives customers detailed information on energy use patterns. Estimate May 2011 installation. Will introduce dynamic rates in 2013. Problems with the program in the rest of the country are outreach related, not technological. Program will begin with 150 customers to test and help with outreach. Next steps: public meetings, hands-on demonstrations, RFP is out for meters, web presence, meta data management.

Handout: see attached Item 4

V. Colchester Avenue Update

Memo provided (see attached Item 5)

Keogh: add written comments to record (see attached Item 7b). Was no outreach to motorists; now planned through CCMPO.

Paul: glad project held through winter for observation. Crash data is encouraging. Observation of corridor shows it working well.

Goodkind: pre-study crash data is being re-evaluated.

VI. Shelburne Street Roundabout Update

Memo provided (see attached Item 6)

Paul: property acquisition yet? Construction in one season? Any delays other than utility design?

Goodkind: No property acquired yet. Construction could be completed in one season.

Utility design is incomplete and is complicated.; still unknown for construction details.

Councilor Brennan arrived.

VII. Transportation Plan Update

Peter Potts, Planning Commission Chair: Plan sent from Commission to TEUC in June. Municipal Development Plan expires in June 2012. Transportation Plan approval would reset clock. Without update can't amend zoning ordinance or obtain impact fees. Additional update time needed for Regional Planning Commission review. Concern for new Housing and Urban Development grant without an adopted MDP.

Keogh: concern with complete streets decision by one person. New revision of Plan from City Attorney is favorable.

Bergman: memo dated October 20, 2010 includes revisions (see attached Item 7a)

Paul: February 2011 TEUC approval, then March 7 Council agenda. February 9 TEUC meeting. Burlington Business Association is concerned over language regarding parking. They have not sent suggested revisions. Will invite BBA to February meeting. White: approve before Council changes? Need to warn as public hearing before Council meeting.

Potts: amendments can be made later. Planning Commission's changes were largely related to parking, but not everything BBA requested was revised.

Brennan: what does "major street redesign" actually mean?

Goodkind: implementation of a Complete Street.

VIII. CCMPO Unified Planning Work Program 2012

Memo provided (see attached Item 8)

Paul: Central parking station status?

Goodkind: trial with side streets projects, construction is starting this summer.

Brennan: pedestrian signal timing improvements? Often right turn conflicts.

Baldwin: will send 1996 Pedestrian Signal Timing Plan.

Brennan: ADA Plan should include priority for downtown, for both improvements and

consistency of pedestrian hardware. Resident Only Parking also has Council support to revamp program. What about smaller projects?

Baldwin: small projects can be sent to DPW for review.

Brennan: parking garage at Edmunds schools, in partnership with Champlain College; not a current project but has been discussed and shouldn't be forgotten.

6:30 Wright moved to adjourn. Paul second. All in favor.